for compulsory education. 11 States and UTs have not done so.

The State Governments are taking steps to make universal provision of schooling facilities and provide programmes that will enable children to come to school. The main among these are:—

(i) the provision of primary schools within 1 Km. walking distance from all habitations;

(ii) The provision of part-time non-formal education programmes for school drop-outs, girls who cannot attend whole day school, working children and children from habitations without schools.

(iii) Provision of incentives to socio-economically backward children free uniforms, free text-books, attendance scholarship for girls and mid-day meals are some of the incentive schemes provided by the State Governments.

(iv) Involvement of the local community and decentralisation of education.

(v) Improvement of facilities in schools and through programmes such as Operation Blackboard and setting up of District Institute of education and Training.

(c) The constraint that make enforcement of legislation impractical and also stand in the way of universalisation include:—

(i) Socio-economic factors, including incidence of work among children;

(ii) inadequately provided schools;

(iii) perception of the curriculum not being relevant;

(iv) lack of motivation among the parents towards education of children, particularly girls;

(v) Unsuitability of school calendar and timings from children's point of view.

Check Pilots to undertake tests of other pilots in Indian Airlines

618 SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Commercial Pilots' Association has threatened to grind to halt the Indian Airlines services if its members were asked to act as check pilots;

(b) whether it is mandatory for the check pilots to undertake tests of other pilots; and

(c) if so, how government propose to resolve this dispute?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI HARMOHAN DHAWAN): (a) While no such threat has been received by Indian Airlines, Indian Commercial Pilots' Association have directed all current Check Pilots' Instructors|Examiners not to exercise their privileges as such and not to undertake any assessment test|training for the year 1990-91.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Indian Airlines is negotiating the matter with the ICPA.

Setting up of National Thermal Power Project in Chandrapur in Maharashtra

619. SHRI NARESH C. PUGLIA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) when sanction was granted for the setting up of National Thermal Power Project in the Chandrapur District of Maharashtra;

(b) what progress has been made in terms of coal linkage for the project;

(c) whether it is a fact that several representations have been sent to his Ministry for an early action in the matter;

(d) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(e) whether it is also a fact that the project is held up only on account of non-availability of coal linkage;